Mountain Weather Forecast

Northwest Highlands

Including Sutherland, Ben Wyvis, Wester Ross, The Cuillin, Glen Affric, Glen Shiel and Knoydart
Forecast valid from 06:00 on Thursday 30 Dec 2021 until 23:59 on Friday 31 Dec 2021

Forecast Issued on Thursday 30 Dec 2021 at 02:08 by Met Office Aberdeen

Confidence: High for mild, changeable and often windy weather, lower for cloud and rainfall details each day.

Headline for Thursday 30 Dec 2021: Windy, with severe gales. Early rain showers then mainly dry with some clear or sunny intervals.

Mountain weather hazards on Thursday 30 Dec 2021

Blizzards
No Likelihood

Heavy Snow
No Likelihood

Storm force winds
Low Likelihood

Gales
High Likelihood

Severe chill effect
Medium Likelihood

Poor visibility
Medium Likelihood

Thunderstorms
No Likelihood

Heavy persistent rain
Medium Likelihood

Strong sunlight
No Likelihood

Weather and chance of precipitation at 800m					
Time					
06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00
Heavy Rain	Light rain showers	Cloudy	Sunny intervals	Partly cloudy (night)	Partly cloudy (night)
Precipitation probability					
60%	40%	20%	10%	10%	10%

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Weather: Showers frequent and heavy at first, dying away by late morning. Best of the limited bright or sunny intervals more likely in Easter Ross and across north Sutherland. A very windy day with severe gales on the tops until later. Mainly dry in the evening with winds easing.

Chance of cloud free mountain/hill tops above 800m: 20% increasing 40% in the afternoon, 70% in sheltered northeast.

Visibility: Occasionally poor early on Thursday. Generally good by daylight away from cloud, which will be quite widespread above 750m in the west, though breaking in shelter further east.

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Height (m)	Wind Speed mean/gusts (mph) Wind Direction (blowing from)						
	06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00	00:00
1000	43/50 SW	40/48 SW	39/49 SW	37/47 SW	32/41 SW	29/37 SW	19/25 SW
900	39/46 SW	37/45 SW	37/47 SW	36/45 SW	32/41 SW	27/35 SW	18/24 SW
600	27/33 SW	25/33 SW	26/36 SW	24/34 SW	22/31 SW	20/28 SW	12/18 SW
300	3/33 SW	4/32 SW	8/35 SW	7/32 SW	8/30 SW	6/27 SW	3/16 SW
Glen	14/32 SW	13/30 SW	14/31 SW	13/30 SW	8/20 SW	8/20 SW	2/9 SW

Height (m)	Temperature / Feels Like (°C)						
	06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00	00:00
1000	4/-4	4/-4	4/-3	3/-4	3/-4	3/-4	3/-3
900	5/-2	4/-3	5/-2	4/-3	4/-3	3/-3	3/-2
600	7/1	6/1	7/2	6/1	6/1	5/0	5/2
300	8/7	8/8	9/7	8/6	8/5	7/6	7/6
Glen	10/7	11/8	11/8	11/8	10/8	9/7	9/8
Freezing Level*	1700m	1700m	1600m	1500m	1400m	1300m	1300m

**Level above which ground is expected to be frozen/snow is expected to settle.*

Met Office Aberdeen Meteorologist's View
Despite relatively high freezing levels, a strong wind chill.

Forecast for Friday 31 Dec 2021
Weather: Cloudy with outbreaks of rain across Skye and Lochalsh, probably reaching Ben Wyvis too, though drier for most of the Northwest, and these drier brighter conditions will spread to all in the afternoon. More rain returning towards midnight.

Maximum wind: Northeast 20-30mph becoming north or northwest in the afternoon. By midnight southerly 40-50mph gusts 70mph.

Chance of cloud free mountain/hill tops above 800m: 30% in south in the morning then improving to 60%.

Visibility: Poor in the morning in the south with cloud widely down to 600-750m, then becoming mainly good as cloud breaks and lifts.

Temperature: **Glens:** Plus 10 Celsius.
At 800m: Plus 5 Celsius
Freezing level: Above the summits

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